

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi OHMURA, et al.

Application No.: 09/825,447

Group Art Unit: 2644

Filed: April 4, 2001

Examiner:

For: AUDIO SYSTEM AND ITS CONTENTS REPRODUCTION METHOD, AUDIO APPARATUS FOR A VEHICLE AND ITS CONTENTS REPRODUCTION METHOD, PORTABLE AUDIO APPARATUS, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT AND COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM

**REQUEST ISSUANCE OF NEW OFFICE ACTION AND
RESETTING OF RESPONSE DUE DATE**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed on December 14, 2004. The Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 filed April 4, 2001 was not considered (copy of stamped postcard and IDS w/Form PTO-1449 is attached) prior to issuance of Office Action.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner (1) consider the IDS filed and the three references and issue a New Office Action, and (2) reset the response due date since the IDS and three references were not considered.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions. If any fees are required in connection with the filing of this Request, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

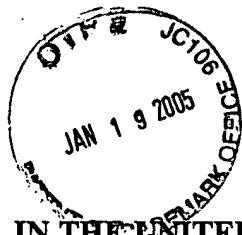
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a. ☒ Form PTO-1449.
- 1b. ☒ Copies of IDS citations.
- 1c. ☐ An English language copy of search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report.
- 1d. ☒ English language translation (complete or relevant portion(s)) attached to each non-English language publication.
- 1e. ☒ Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of each non-English publication.
- 1f. ☐ List of Copending Applications (ATTACHMENT 1(f), hereto).

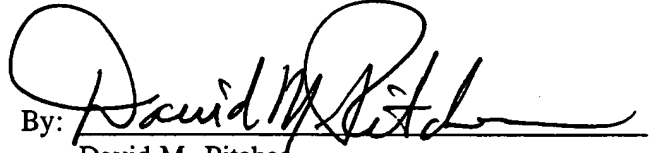
2. ☐ In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is:

(Check appropriate Items 2a, 2b, 2c and/or 2d)

- 2a. ☐ satisfied because all non-English language publications were cited on the enclosed English language copy of the PCT International Search Report or the search report from a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. (See U.S. Patent & Trademark Office's authorization in the Federal Register, Vol. 57, No. 12, January 17, 1992, at page 2031 (Reply to Comment 68).)
- 2b. ☐ set forth in the application.
- 2c. ☒ satisfied because an English language translation (complete or relevant portion(s)) is attached to each non-English language publication.
- 2d. ☒ enclosed as Attachment 1(e), hereto.
3. No admission is made that the information cited in this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability nor a representation that a search has been made (other than search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report, if submitted herewith). 37 CFR §§ 1.97(g) and (h).

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ATTACHMENT 1(e)